

After a memorable session of fifty-five days the Legislature adjourned at 2:07 Wednesday afternoon, to meet in extra session the second Tuesday in July, 1900. There are about 1,250 acts and resolutions as a result of the labors of this Legislature. The last act ratified was the Stevens anti-trust bill. The Senate amended it.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY.—In the House a bill was introduced to authorize the Corporation Commission to assess railway, street car, trolley, telephone, telegraph, steamboats, express companies, sleeping car companies, car trust companies or other transportation companies for the purpose of levying a tax. A resolution was passed to take a recess at noon Wednesday until July 1st, 1900. An omnibus liquor bill prohibiting the sale of liquor within two miles of the city limits of Tulsa, Okla., was introduced. The bill was read and said the bill to codify the business laws of the State. The bill to appropriate five thousand dollars for a Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro, was passed. The House went into the election of an insurance commissioner. J. Richard H. Jones, of Tulsa, was elected. For corporation commissioners, Franklin McNeil, Samuel L. Rogers and Eugene C. Beddington were elected, receiving 40, 39 and 39 votes respectively. For a member of the board of elections the following were elected: Wilson G. Lamb, Walter H. Neal, R. D. McNeil, J. B. Tolland, J. B. McNeil, Democrat; and George A. Johnson, Populist and Republican. The next business was the election of a judge of the Criminal Court. Dossiey W. Williams, of Tulsa, received 40 votes and Henry B. Stevens of the Western Circuit, each receiving 64 votes. Mr. Sherrill was elected State Librarian at large. The following were elected: J. B. McNeil, Democrat, was elected keeper of the capitol, both at first and second elections, but at last in proper form. The following were elected trustees of the negro Agricultural College at Greensboro: W. I. Williams, of Pittsburg; W. Long, of Rowan; J. Y. Joyner and A. M. Scales, of Guntur; Geo. T. Williams, of Stanley; J. C. Scales, of Orange; J. D. Currie, of Moore. Governor introduced a bill to appropriate \$50,000 for this year and a like sum for each year for the maintenance of the Cape Fear River, from the mouth of the Cape Fear to Northern Railroad, to extend its line from any point on the Cape Fear river to Fayetteville or to Wilmington or to Deepwater or to all

precipitate more fully than others; that it is the duty of the Legislature to take prompt action. We also believe it is the basis upon which we may be able to build a more efficient and more economical government in this State. We submit it to the people for their ratification.

These questions and perplexing questions commanded our attention. The State Institutions—educational, judicial, and executive—were under their control, and management measure by measure were being taken to improve efficiency. No man has been elected by this General Assembly to any position of honor or trust in the Government of this State, and the Democratic party will find occasion for apology. The much-vexed question of providing for the State's needs, and of making more complete and efficient to deal with than the average citizens thought. We trust the people will accept our record, and we are proud to have had twenty-two years' experience.

For the first time in our history the General Assembly in this State has been called upon to exercise judicial functions in hearing evidence and making decisions. It is a new thing for us (the Wilson case). The terms of law under which we proceeded were far from ideal. The members of the General Assembly were discharging judicial duties involving determination of questions of fact, and the members were not to discharge of these duties each member elected in the capacities of judge and juror. It was a new thing for us to be called upon to return true verdict and judgment is equally clear. Whatever the citizens of this State may think, we are proud to hear that the controlling representatives of the people making it their duty to give evidence and make decisions. We should not control in this matter; that the imposition of such duties upon the Legislature is unwarranted. We hope that the people of our form of government, which we have provided for separation of legislative, executive and judicial functions, is omitted, and that the people will give evidence from our statute books.

In dealing with the finances of the State we have been conservative and economical. That there is among our people an industrial awakening is shown by the fact that the people have been called upon to enact laws. It is a matter well worth careful consideration. We are proud to have improved the general law providing for the incorporation of private companies and associations, largely for the purpose of

**Citizens of Tacoma, Wash., indignant** at the many recent robberies and hold-ups, held a public meeting and decided to form a vigilance committee. The police department was denounced as incompetent and a citizens' patrol organized. It was decided that all suspicious characters must leave the city.

**Dr. Talmage Resigns.**  
Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, who or nearly twenty years has been the pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Washington, has sent a letter to the session of that church tendering his resignation.

**Soldiers Hunting Shade.**  
The temperature at Manila Wednesday at 3 o'clock was 72 degrees; but the cloudy air was like steam and the troops were greatly inconvenienced on the line in spite of the temporary shade or by misting the bamboo whenever feasible. There were fewer provisions, however, from the heat.

A vast quantity of rock, overhauling a village of Kintara, near Albano, in the province of that name, killed, destroying many houses and killing 11 people.

**An Important Decision.**  
The United States Court of Appeals at Cincinnati has rendered a decision in favor of the rights of the habitation house at Dayton, numerous colleges and thousands of churches held in the name of the Church of the United Brethren as trustees. In giving the property to the Liberal faction of that church, as against the Radicals.

British trade, i. e., the sale of British manufactures abroad, is shrinking at a rate so rapid as to amount to a loss of \$100,000,000 a year. The lost markets are going in vast proportion it is not yet possible to say where America and Ger-

- To change the time of holding superior court in Franklin county.
- To regulate time for holding superior courts in Cabarrus and Montgomery counties.
- To regulate the holding of court in Randolph county.
- To change the time for holding courts in 10th judicial district.
- To regulate the time of courts in the 6th judicial district.
- To regulate the holding of superior courts in 16th judicial district.
- As to February term of court for Craven county.
- To change the time of holding courts in Wilson county.
- To increase the number of terms of court in Pasquotank county.
- To change the time of courts in Union and Stanley counties.
- To increase the time of holding the spring term of Ashe Superior court.
- To establish second week of May term in Vance superior court.
- To supplement the laws as to spring terms for Craven county.
- To abolish the February term of Madison county court.
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- To permit judgment by default at any time in the Durham county.
- In relation trials by justices of the peace in New Hanover county.
- Relative to costs in suits in justice of the peace courts in new Hanover county.
- To restore concurrent criminal jurisdiction to the courts of Warren county.
- To regulate the time of drawing jurors.
- To provide for the appointment of a joint committee in regard to courts.
- As to removal of cases from one county to another.
- To provide for proving town ordinances on appeal from Mayor's court.
- To amend chapter 109, Public Laws of 1897, as to trial of civil actions.
- To regulate the proceedings in cases which this title to civil is involved, to reverse the jury list of New Hanover county.
- State Department.
- To provide for appointment of judges.

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The authorization of the pentagon, and it is authorized the issue of \$80,000 in bonds for the purchase of certain leased lands which the State has already recently improved. The interest charge on these bonds falls upon the pentagon, and the purchase of the land is only one month's rental of the land. These are a few of the important subjects indicated by the legislature within 60 days. The State will also have a bill introduced again, namely, for railroad commissions it elected an able lawyer, a competent business man and an excellent farmer representing the three areas of the State—its agriculture, its metropolis, its great agricultural belt and the trans-montane region, as yet undeveloped. For insurance companies, it elected a man of business, its own and excess insurance man. Its Commissioner of Agriculture, its Commissioner of Labor, its Commissioner are excellent. The Labor Commissioner being a most popular man, the State with organized labor.

Work on the new cotton mill at Aulston is progressing rapidly. Mr. T. Shaw, president of the company, has left for the North to purchase machinery.

During a terrific storm at Salisbury, the greater part of the roof of the Salisbury Roller Mill was blown off and quantity of brick from the walls of a Central Hotel were blown off.

The renting station in Raleigh, for the regular army, will be open shortly, on from 18 to 33 will be enlisted, if und.

The State claim of \$38,600 for State land properly owned by the volunteers, has recently allowed.

There are now 1,038 State convicts in 192 Federal convicts in Raleigh. The number of State convicts dwindles daily. It is expected that counties will be able to take care of their convicts.

Mr. Daniel Buford Brown, of Hamlet, committed suicide in Charlotte by poisoning himself in the head with a cyanide.

The State and county tax is 200, equally divided. Chairman Holman, of the finance committee, says that a tax of one cent average more tax.

J. B. Young has taken the call of office as treasurer commencing before midday Brown and entered upon his duties. He appoints as clerk, William Wilson. Wilson's salary is being read clerk of the law, of course.

The A. B. F. of C., of Charlotte, recently celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary of church organization.

J. T. Davis, ex-Sheriff of Halifax, has filed a petition in bankruptcy at Oacoj, with liabilities aggregating \$5,000.

Oscar J. Spores, assistant district attorney, says all the evidence in the case of Oliver Dorey vs. John B. Hamlin from the sixth district has been taken, and sent to the clerk of the House of Representatives.

The contract for the public printing has been signed by Edwards and C. M. Cazel and they have bond.

It is expected that work will begin on an early date on Gen. Hoke's rail road from Lincoln to Cranberry.

At all, 3,974 bills were introduced in the House of Representatives. The largest number ever before was 1,883, in 1897.

Three More Cruisers to Sail for China.

The Rome correspondent of the London Mail says the government has ordered three more cruisers to get in connection with the Chinese waters a connection with the demand of Italy a concession at Han Mou, province Kio Kiang.

Total Deaths in the Army 5,171.

The following statement has been issued, showing the total number of soldiers reported to the adjutant general's office as killed in action, from January 22, 1893: Killed in action, during 22 of wounds, 282; died of disease, 5,777; total, 6,059.

**Snow-bound Is Days.**

A special from Cheyenne, Wyo., says the hundred odd soldiers of the Twentieth Infantry of the United States have been ordered to go out as shovellers to clear the passenger train on the Cheyenne & Northern Railroad, with 42 engineers, which has been snowed out at Iron Mountain Station for 15 days.

**Forty-eight Tons of Coin.**

The United States transport vessel sailed from New York for Havana. She has on board the \$30,000,000 provided by the United States government to pay the Cuban debts. Of the total, \$10,000,000 is in gold and half in silver. The weight of the metal is 43 tons.

**Shooting in a Court House.**

A special from a Bristol, Va., says that while ex-Congressman James A. Walker, contestant for the seat of George Hines in the Sixth Congressional district, was in court on charges of perjury, cross-examination, Hines' witnesses, he became involved in a quarrel with Wm. A. Hamilton, of Bristol for Hines' wife. Both men were in the abdomen and Hamilton died. Walker was shot in the arm, shoulder, but not seriously wounded. He and one of his friends here were arrested. Walker was shot G. E. Davis, private secretary to Hines.

**A New \$500,000 Cotton Mill.**

Stratton & Co. of New York, have made a deal by which they obtain the property in New Denton, Ala., formerly owned by the Alabama Cotton & Lumber Company, and will proceed once to erect a cotton mill costing \$500,000. It is to be completed before the end of this year.

**A Decrease in the Death Rate.**

The following has been received as War Department from General Wood: "The Havana health report for February, 1898, is of note for less than that of February











